

# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR ANIMAL TRAILS & WALKWAYS

Landowner/user: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Properly operated and maintained **Animal Trails and Walkways** are an asset to your property. This animal trail and walkway was designed and installed as a travel way on your property. The estimated life span of this practice is at least 10 years. The life of the practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

## Operation and Maintenance

1. Maintain the surface in a good condition, which includes periodic grading or repair of the surface and resurface with new material as needed.
2. Prevent ponding by grading to remove depressions and allowing surface water to drain off the travel area of the trail or walkway.
3. Limit usage to periods that minimize damage.
4. If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to contain livestock on travel lane.
5. Eradicate or otherwise remove all burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
6. Remove debris from bridge and culvert openings to prevent blockage of stream crossings.
7. Immediately repair any damage to any earth or gravel fills, culverts or other appurtenances.
8. Remove manure or organic accumulation and re-grade the surface at least twice per year.

## Specific Requirements for Your Practice

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